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### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- (1) RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 25, 2004;
- (2) PETITION FOR THREE MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME;
- (3) CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$510 FOR THE REQUISITE PETITION FEE; and
- (4) RETURN RECEIPT POST CARD.

If any of the above identified items is not included in this submission, the Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided.

If the total amount of the enclosed check is insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance due, or to credit any overpayment, to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, referencing Attorney Docket No. 27585-022. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted

Carolal. Peters

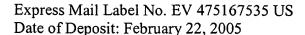
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 25, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants submit this response to the issues raised therein.

### **AMENDMENTS**

## Amendments to Claims 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)

Applicants respectfully request amendment of claims 1-6 and claims 23-28, and cancellation of claim 29, as provided below. In addition, Applicants respectfully request addition of new claims 30-32 to the present application, as provided below.